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I drive the 520 bridge each day from the eastside to Madison Park and then return. I experience the same traffic snarls, backups, disabled vehicles on the bridge that everyone else does. But where is there any place more beautiful to be stuck in traffic than near Foster Island. I have observed bald eagles, great blue herons sitting on the sculptures, comorants with wings spread, Canada geese flotillas, grebes and ducks. This small piece of marshland is so important to the entire Lake Washington environment that every effort must be made to protect and even enhance this city gem.

Please consider other options, such as a second "lid" over the existing 520 or even a cross lake tunnel. It is easy to pour more concrete, but replacing the ecosystem of the marsh and the adjoining arboretum would be next to impossible.

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# **Comment Summary:**

Arboretum (Concerns)

## Response:

See Section 9.3 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.